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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION 1115

Thursday, *1st August 1940* / *17th Karkadagam 1115*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K.C I.E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, K. R. Ramakrishnan, C. J. Luiz, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. K. Nayar, M. K. Devassy and L. M. Pylee were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NADAMEL PANCHAYAT—ERUR DESAM—No. AND CONDITION OF PUBLIC WELLS

201. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of public wells in the Erur Desam maintained by the Panchayat Department;

(*b*) have any of them been cleaned during the last 3 years; if so, how many?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Including the well sunk in the current year, there are two public wells now in the Erur Desam.

(*b*) The well in existence used to be cleaned annually. But this year it has not been cleaned, since the policy of the Government of late is only to make water available for the public, and it is the duty of those benefited to maintain the supply in sanitary condition.

SPECIAL MARKETS ON SPECIAL DAYS—ORDERS REGARDING LICENSING

202. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in the year 1115 any order has been passed restricting the issue of license for conducting special markets;

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(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the number of days on which alone special markets are allowed to be conducted;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to place on the table of each member a copy of the order;

(*d*) whether any owner of a market has been allowed to conduct special market on any day other than those allowed by the order?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Five festival occasions, *viz., Karkitaga Sankramam, Onam, Thiruvathira,* Christmas, and *Vishu.*

(*c*) A copy of the order is placed on the Council Table

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, Sir, whether the order was passed as a result of any complaints from the owners of the market?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know, to whom the order mentioned in sub-division (*d*) was issued?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I think it was issued to Thattil Varunni Mathunni, Pudiappeedika Chantha, Trichur.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* For which market?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Puthenpeedika market.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Was any special permission given to conduct the market on Saturday?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Is not Saturday a market day for the neighbouring market?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* When there are only five special market days, why is it that a special license was issued to hold the market on Saturday which is a market day for the neighbouring market?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I shall explain. Special permission was given for Saturday, because the owner of that market is a Christian, and Christians do not open their markets on Sunday. It was in order to enable the public to make their purchases that he was allowed to open it on Saturday and that was also the custom prevailing there even before.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : May I know whether the interests of the neighbouring market owner will not be prejudiced if special permission is given to conduct a market on Saturday there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In the general interests of the public we have given special permit to conduct it on that day.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : There are only 5 special market days.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That order has come into force after this.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : May I know the date on which special permission was given ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I do not know the date. I want notice.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : Were there prior occasions when this special permit was granted?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Yes. In connection with Onam, Vishu, and such other important occasions the market is allowed to be opened on Sundays. It happened to be a Christian market. Because they could not open it on Sunday, they put in a petition requesting that they should be allowed to open the market on Saturday. That is one day earlier.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)*: Were there similar cases where licenses were issued for conducting markets on Saturday ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The Advocate who appeared before me produced the permission given by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer a few years ago, on similar occasions.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)* : With reference to sub-division (*d*) may I know the date on which the license was issued ?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* 30th December 1939.

PADIYUR VILLAGE—INADEQUACY OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

203. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have enquired into the matter of providing some means of road communication to Padiyur village ;

(*b*) will the Government be kind enough to note the hardships experienced by the villagers especially during the rainy season ;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to take immediate necessary action ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Since the cost of opening roads will come to Rs. 5,000 the question will have to wait for better times. However, the matter is under consideration by the Road Board.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will this 5,000 include the cost of land acquisition also ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Suppose there are people who are prepared to surrender their lands free.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The matter is under the consideration of the Road Board.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇതു റോഡു ബോർഡിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് എങ്ങിനെ തീർച്ചയാക്കാം? കഴിഞ്ഞ തവണത്തെ റോഡ് ബോർഡിന്റെ പ്രോഗ്രാമിൽ ഇതുപെട്ടിട്ടില്ല.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anyway it has been forwarded to them for consideration. This is too big a work for us to undertake.

മിസ്റ്റർ പുത്തൂർ അച്യുതമേനോൻ: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി വന്നതിനു ശേഷം ഇതു് റോഡുബോർഡിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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